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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Randal K. BUDDINGTON, et al. ART UNIT: 1615

SERIAL NO.: 09/671,106

EXAMINER: Charesse L. Evans

FILING DATE: September 28, 2000

FOR: INHIBITION OF SYSTEMIC INFECTIONS IN HUMANS AND  
VERTEBRATES BY DIETARY FIBERS

**AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Official Action dated June 10, 2002, the original due date having been extended from September 10, 2002 for one month by filing of an appropriate petition and fee herewith, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested..

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel Claims 8-14, 21, 25 and 26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

*Sub 20*  
20. (Twice Amended) A method for the inhibition and/or treatment of systemic infections in humans or vertebrates comprising administering to humans or vertebrates having a systemic infection caused by pathogenic bacteria a composition comprising an effective amount of a fermentable dietary fiber or a mixture of fermentable dietary fibers, wherein the composition is administered orally, through tube feeding or rectally.

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